

PRESIDENT NAMES THURSDAY, THE 30 THANKSGIVING DAY

While other Nations Suffer the
Ravages of War We
have Peace

NEW MEXICO HAS GREATLY PROSPERED

Has Many Reasons for Thanks
giving

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Wilson today formally by proclamation designated Thursday, November 30th, as Thanksgiving Day. The president's proclamation follows:

"It long has been the custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his many blessings and mercies to us and the nation.

"The year that has elapsed since we last observed our day of Thanksgiving has been rich in blessings to us as a people, but the whole face of the world has been darkened by war. In the midst of our peace and happiness our thoughts dwell with painful disquiet upon the struggles and sufferings of the nations at war and of the people upon whom war has brought disaster without choice or possibility of escape on their part. We cannot think of our happiness without thinking of their pitiful distress.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do appoint Thursday, the thirtieth of November as a day of National Thanksgiving and prayer, and adjure and advise the people to resort to their several places of worship on that day to render thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of peace and unbroken prosperity which He has bestowed on our beloved country in such unstinted measure."

"And I also urge and suggest our duty, in this our day of peace and abundance, to think in deep sympathy of the stricken people of the world upon whom the curse and terror of war has so pitilessly fallen and to contribute out of our abundant means to the relief of their sufferings.

"Our people could in no better way show their real attitude towards the present struggle of the nations than by contributing out of their abundance to the relief of the suffering which war has brought in its train.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington, this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord 1915, and of the Independence of the United States, the 41st.

"By the President,
"WOODROW WILSON,
"ROBERT LANSING,
Secretary of State"

Governor's Proclamation

The First Thanksgiving in 1621 was an expression of the hope that had roused the spirit of Independence. That the spirit is still dominant and the American people should thank God for that more than all else.

During the year past New Mexico and our whole country have been wonderfully blessed. Material prosperity is at its zenith and civic progress is unmistakable.

With much of the world aflame with the fires of hatred, begotten by unrestrained ambition and greed, we, thanks to the good sense of our people and the wisdom of those in authority, are at peace with the world. After all "Peace on earth, good will toward men" is the sentiment that glorifies and ennobles;

Now therefore, in accord with the proclamation of the President of the United States, time honored custom and law of the country, I, William C. McDonald, Governor of the State of

New Mexico, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 30, as Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgiving is an American holiday and festival. It should be celebrated as a day of good cheer, of kindly consideration. Careful thoughtfulness will give us due regard for the happiness of all.

In individual lives, in the family reunions and in the houses of worship may our minds turn to noble thoughts, our hearts be lifted up in thankfulness and our acts be directed to the lessening of the burden of the poor and needy, the weak and lowly.

Due consideration for the cause of humanity ought to result in the greatest blessing to the American people.

Done at the Executive Office, this 20th day of November, A. D. 1916. Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico.

WILLIAM C. McDONALD.
Attested:
ANTONIO LUCERO,
Secretary of State.

Good Program Promised

The program of the Riley-Thanksgiving Entertainment to be given at the Public School Auditorium tonight, published in another column of this issue, promises some good things. The school children, especially the little tots have been taking great interest in the preparation of their parts, and should be greeted by a large audience. You will be pleased as well as entertained. The selections from Riley's Poems will be well rendered, and who doesn't love the Hoosier Poet? The proceeds will be used for a good purpose, that of decorating the auditorium and securing apparatus for the smaller children to use during play-time while in school. The price of admission has been fixed within the reach of all—25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

Arizona Went Dry

Arizona has gone bone dry according to returns from the late election. Two years ago prohibition was carried by four counties in favor and ten opposed the big majority in Maricopa county putting the measure through.

This year with a more stringent amendment to the constitution, every county in the state joins the procession. This shows a public sentiment that will cut out the blind pig and the boot-legger. The personal use decision which was rendered a year ago, flooded the state and was so abused that the people in their might have said, personal use means only personal abuse. The result has been to take that privilege away. The law will be effective after the official count and proclamation of the governor. Then Arizona will be surely dry. With some relief this matter will then be removed from politics.

This year republicans played both sides, the wet and dry and as usual gained political advantage. Now that will be impossible in the future. The local option amendment lost in every county. It was not fairly stated and had the measure passed all Arizona would have been wet.—Phoenix Messenger.

Her Fourteenth Birthday

On last Saturday night Miss Josephine Capt entertained a number of her friends at her home on Upper Broadway, the occasion being her 14th birthday. A pleasant evening was spent in games of various kinds, followed by delicious refreshments. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades; Mrs. Ralph Stuart; the Misses Ruby McKinley, Rebecca Bryan, Hazel Doyle, Lois Hollon and Isabel Clark; Messrs. B. C. Woodward, Jim Bryan, Wm. Dyer, Elmer Shaw, Oral Hollon, Robert Colter, Mike Shaw, Walter Hoyland and Marion McKinley.

Floyd Moore commenced the work of placing the opera chairs in the auditorium of the School Building Tuesday, and promises to have things in readiness for the Riley-Thanksgiving Entertainment tonight.

RILEY-THANKSGIVING ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday Night
November 23, 1916, 7:30 p. m.
AT THE AUDITORIUM
Mountainair Public Schools

PART I

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| 1. Piano Solo | Rebecca Bryan |
| 2. Frog Song | Second Grade |
| 3. Catching the Thanksgiving Turkey | Mary Lee Colter |
| 4. Sea-Saw Song | Primary |
| 5. Dialog (Courtship of Miles Standish) | Eighth Grade |
| 6. Knitting Song
Pumpkin Pie Song | Girls Chorus |
| 7. The Telephone | Frances Oapt |
| 8. Dutch Lulaby | Six Girls |
| 9. Thanksgiving Draweth Near | Chorus |

PART II

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| 1. James Whitcomb Riley's place in America Literature | Mrs. McNeese |
| 2. Granny | (Riley) Veda Cooper |
| 3. Leolanie | (") Josephine Capt |
| 4. The Old Swimmin Hole | (") James Bryan |
| 5. Our Hired Girl | (") Lillian Clark |
| 6. The Raggedy Man | (") Mildred Shaffer |
| 7. In a Friendly Sort of Way | (") J. C. Davis |
| 8. An Old Sweet Heart of Mine | (") Hazel Doyle |
| 9. Old Aunt Mary's | (") Florian Chaves |
| 10. O Heart of Mine (vocal) | Mrs. McNeese |

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

Chapman School

On Friday evening, November 24th, a "Pie Social" and Thanksgiving entertainment will be given at the Chapman School House, District No. 38. The following program will be rendered:

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| Piano Solo | Mrs. Martin |
| Thanksgiving Hymn | Our School |
| Recitation | Maurine Mulvaney |
| Recitation | Chester Dressler |
| Recitation | Pearl Fitzgerald |
| Instrumental Music | Mr. Marble |
| Drill | The Little Cooks |
| Recitation | Oren Dressler |
| Recitation | Bernice Mulvaney |
| "Cheer, All Cheer," | Our School |
| Recitation | Lola Dressler |
| Recitation | Geraldine Mulvaney |
| Piano Solo | Mrs. Martin |
| Recitation | Arthur Dressler |
| Recitation | Mary Harris |
| Flag Drill | Our School |

GOOD MUSIC GOOD PIES GOOD TIME
EVERYBODY COME

MRS. MULVANEY, Teacher.

Nominating Blank

I hereby nominate _____
as a candidate in the Popular Ladies Contest of the Mountainair Independent. This nomination carries with it 1,000 votes for the above named candidate.

Signed _____

Date _____

Two Inches of Snow

The fine autumn weather, which has prevailed for some time was broken Monday night, when the wind veered to the northeast, bringing with it the first real snow of the season. On Tuesday morning the ground was covered with a white blanket to the depth of two inches, which measured .25 of an inch of precipitation. Reports coming to us are to the effect that the snowfall was heavier on the mesa south of town, and less to the north. The sun is back on the job again and beautiful weather reigns.

Buy's Land To Grow More Beans

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Jackson of the Silverton neighborhood were in Mountainair last Saturday shopping. Mr. Jackson has the same old story to tell of crops that all have who farmed in the foothill country. He threshed over twenty thousand pounds of beans and has something like two hundred and fifty bushels of corn in the crib. Like others of the "Bean Billies" he "salted down" a portion of his profits in an adjoining quarter section of land, and "will grow more beans to buy more land to grow more beans," ad finitum.

Seven More Cars of Beans

Santa Fe Agent Copeland reports seven more cars of beans billed out during the past seven days, bringing the total shipments of beans this season to sixty-four cars. Bean money coming into the valley through this point at the rate of twenty-five hundred dollars per day, is very acceptable.

The snow caused a short lull in threshing operations, but only temporarily, just long enough to give the threshermen a chance to catch their breath. Local buyers have been scouting around to secure beans to fill contracts.

Vacation Next Week

The schools will have vacation next week on account of the teachers attending the New Mexico Educational Association, which meets at Santa Fe, beginning Saturday of this week, and closing Tuesday. All the teachers of the Mountainair schools are planning to attend the meetings of the association. School will re-open on Monday, Dec. 4th.

Four More States Dry

Four states voted dry at the recent election, and two others elected legislative and executive officials standing for dry legislation, so that virtually six more states were added to the dry territory of the United States. The four dry's are: Michigan, Nebraska, South Dakota and Montana. Utah and Florida chose dry officials, pledged to dry legislation. The prohibition election in California is yet in doubt. Alaska voted dry two to one. Missouri voted wet. With the drys winning almost every time they go to bat, it will require only a few more innings to make the whole nation dry.

Harper Sproull came in Tuesday morning and is at the Hotel Abo, where he will be glad to meet any who are troubled with their eyes and need glasses. This is his third visit to Mountainair, so that any interested may inquire of those for whom he fitted glasses on his previous visits. He uses the famous Kryptok lens for those needing bifocals, the result being two focuses in one lens. He will be here a few days only.

N. S. Rose came over from Belen Saturday morning, going out to Tajique where he spent Sunday with his brother-in-law, Wm. D. Dow and family. Mr. Rose is in the employ of the A. T. & S. F. at Belen.

POPULAR LADIES CONTEST MAKES FINE BEGINNING

Several Candidates Nominated
and Ready for the
Fray

BALLOT BOX AT GRIFFIN DRUG STORE

Vote Early and Often—No Rule
against Repeaters

The Popular Ladies Contest announced in last week's Independent is starting off in a pleasing manner. Nominations of several candidates are announced below, and no doubt other candidates will be nominated during the week to come. If you have a young lady friend whom you would like to see in the race, fill out the nominating coupon and send it to the Independent office, and her name will be added to the list. The race is just starting and is a long ways from being won. The active candidates will win the prizes.

What young lady could not use twenty-five dollars on Christmas Eve? Here's an opportunity of getting it. To be sure only one can get the first prize, but there are the \$15.00, the \$10.00 and the \$5.00 prizes. What young lady would turn up her nose at even a \$5.00 prize? We have not seen her.

To those who have been and will be nominated, we would urge that you speak to your friends right away, get their subscriptions before some other candidate gets to them. It is the early bird that catches the worm in this as well as in other contests throughout life. Then get your friends to working for you. Get them to secure subscriptions from their friends for you. Don't miss anyone. Every family tributary to Mountainair intends subscribing for the Independent—the home paper—and it is just a case of getting them to DO IT NOW.

The more subscriptions we have the better paper we can publish. More subscribers means more advertising for our columns, and more readers for the advertisers. It is helping us to boost the country to secure more subscriptions—hence this contest. The paper needs no apology. It boosts the country and Mountainair, and every copy going outside the county will have its influence in bringing more people to this part of the Estancia Valley. We now have regular subscribers in twelve states besides New Mexico, but want to tell the people of other states what we have in this country. And we want the Independent in every home in this part of Torrance county.

The coupons we are issuing may be voted any time up to 6 o'clock, Saturday evening, December 23. They are in the following amounts based on subscriptions of varying terms:

6 mos. Subscription	1.00	200 votes
1 year's	2.00	500 "
2 "	4.00	1250 "
3 "	6.00	2000 "
5 "	10.00	40000 "

Arrangements have been made for placing the ballot box at the Griffin Drug Company's Store where coupons may be voted for the candidates.

The following is the list of candidates nominated to date:

Miss Hazel Doyle	1000 votes
" Lois Hollon	1000 "
" Fairy Arnett	1000 "
" Josephine Capt	1000 "
" Mabel Sellers	1000 "
" Goldie Brunner	1000 "
" Mabel Hine, Estancia	1000 "
" Ruby McKinley	1000 "

John W. Corbett was confined to his room yesterday, as a result of indigestion brought on by eating oysters, which did not tally up to pure food requirements.